



Proclamation

National Recovery Month – September 2012

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of one's overall health and wellness, and prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, all people have the fundamental and inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity, and worth; and

WHEREAS, individuals should have access to fully participate in community life including economic advancement and prosperity; fair and decent housing; quality education; positive opportunities to benefit from and contribute to material, cultural, and social progress; and


WHEREAS, substance use and mental disorders are serious public health problems. In 2009, 4.3 million people received treatment for a substance use disorder and 30.2 million people were treated for a mental health problem, and we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to educate our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and


NOW, THEREFORE, we the undersigned Mayor and City Council of Federal Way do hereby proclaim the month of September 2012 to be **National Recovery Month** in Federal Way and encourage all citizens to join us in observing this month and "Join the Voices for Recovery."

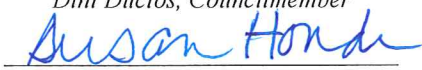
SIGNED this 4th day of September 2012

FEDERAL WAY CITY COUNCIL



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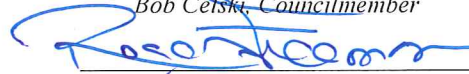

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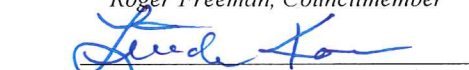

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